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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO JAPANESE BASIC NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW

1. LOWER HOUSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE APPROVED BILL
FOR PARTIAL AMENDMENT TO BASIC NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW BY MAJORITY
VOTE WITH MODIFICATIONS AND RIDER ON APRIL 19.

2. MODIFICATIONS CALLED FOR FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS:

A. "ENSURING OF SAFETY" TO BE ADDED TO "CONFINEMENT TO PEACEFUL
USES" IN BASIC POLICY OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND UTILI-
ZATION.

B. REACTOR SAFETY AND NUCLEAR FUEL SAFETY COMMITTEES TO BE
ESTABLISHED IN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION (NSC).

C. JAEC AND NSC TO HAVE THE RIGHTS OF HEARING REPORTS FROM HEADS
OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES CONCERNED.

D. PRIME MINISTER TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO "FULLY HONOR" JAEC'S
AND NSC'S DECISIONS AND OPINIONS. ORIGINAL BILL HAD SIMILAR
CLAUSE WITHOUT THE ADVERB "FULLY".

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3. THE RIDER CALLED FOR CAREFUL SELECTION OF NSC COMMISSIONERS.

4. THE MODIFIED BILL IS EXPECTED TO PASS LOWER HOUSE PLENARY
SESSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 AFTERNOON AND THEN TO BE SENT TO
UPPER HOUSE FOR DELIBERATION. MANSFIELD

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